

Introduced by Senator Hernandez

December 3, 2012

An act relating to health care coverage.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB 20, as introduced, Hernandez. Health care coverage: basic health program.

Existing law, the federal Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (PPACA), requires each state to, by January 1, 2014, establish an American Health Benefit Exchange that makes available qualified health plans to qualified individuals and small employers. PPACA also authorizes the establishment of a basic health program under which a state may, if specified criteria are met, enter into contracts to offer one or more standard health plans providing a minimum level of essential health benefits to eligible individuals instead of offering those individuals coverage through an exchange.

This bill would state the intent of the Legislature to enact legislation that would establish a basic health program in California as described in PPACA.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: no.
State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

- 1 SECTION 1. It is the intent of the Legislature to enact
- 2 legislation that would establish the basic health program described

- 1 in Section 1331 of the federal Patient Protection and Affordable
- 2 Care Act (42 U.S.C. Sec. 18051).

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